

REMARKS

Claims 25, 27, 29-50, 52, 53, 58, and 59 are pending. Claims 25, 45, 46, 49, 53, and 58 are hereby amended, and claims 43, 44, and 50 are hereby canceled. Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 25, 27, 29-42, 45-49, 52, 53, 58, and 59 will be pending, of which claims 25, 47, 49, and 53 are independent. No new matter will be incorporated into the present application by entry of this Amendment. If the Office determines that any additional fees are deemed to be necessary with the filing of this Amendment, then the Office is authorized and requested to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 061910.

The Examiner objected to claims 44-46, 50 and 53 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated those claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Further, the Examiner allowed claims 47, 48, and 59. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indications of allowable subject matter. The present amendment is believed to place all the claims in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the Amendment.

Applicant hereby amends independent claim 25 to include the limitations of previous dependent claims 43 and 44. Previous claim 44 (which was identified as being allowable if rewritten appropriately) was dependent on previous claim 43, which in turn was dependent on independent claim 25. Thus, the present amendment adds to independent claim 25 all the limitations of previous claims 43 and 44 (which are hereby being canceled). Therefore, independent claim 25 and claims 27, 29-42, 45-46, and 58 depending thereon are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 47 was allowed in the last Office Action.

Applicant hereby amends independent claim 49 to include the limitations of previous dependent claim 50. Claim 50 was identified as being allowable if rewritten appropriately. Thus, the limitations of previous claim 50 have been added to independent claim 49, and claim 50 has been canceled. Therefore, Applicant believes that amended independent claim 49 is now in condition for allowance.

Applicant hereby amends previous dependent claim 53 by making it independent and by adding the limitations of previous independent claim 49. Previous dependent claim 53 was identified as being allowable if rewritten appropriately. Thus, the present amendment rewrites claim 53 in independent form so as to include all the limitations of previous independent claim 49. Therefore, new independent claim 53 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that all the claims of the application are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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